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INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ELAB, PINS, PINT, SHUM, ES  
SUBJECT: MAY 1 MEETINGS AND DEMONSTRATIONS PLANNED BY LABOR AND  
OTHER GROUPS

1. THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR GRANTED PERMISSION TO UNITED  
CONFEDERATION OF SALVADORAN WORKERS (CUTS) TO HOLD A PARADE AND  
A MEETING ON MAY 1 TO COMMEMORATE INTERNATIONAL LABOR DAY.  
CUTS IS MIE UP OF THE TWO COMMUNIST-DOMINATED LABOR FEDERATIONS,  
FUSS AND FESTIAVZICES, AND TQA LEFTIST BUT STILL REPORTEDLY  
NON-COMMUNIST FENASTRAS. THE PARAGE IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN  
AT 8:30 A.M., AND THE MEETING IS SUPPOSED TO BE HELD AT  
10:30 A.M. IN THE PLAZA LIBERTAD.

2. CUTS ORIGINALLY INFORMED THE GOES ON APRIL 14 OF ITS PLANS  
TO HOLD MAY 1 EVENTS. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE GOES  
WAS NOT DISPOSED TO CONSENT TO THESE PLANS UNTIL A  
CUTS DELEGATION ARGUED THEIR CASE ON THE RIGHTS OF  
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EXPRESSION AND ASSEMBLY GUARANTEED RESPECTIVELY BY  
ARTICLES 158 AND 160 OF THE SALVADORAN CONSTITUTION.

3. OPPOSITION PAPER "LA CRONICA DEL PUEBLO" IN ITS  
APRIL 22 AND APRIL 25 EDITIONS PUBLISHED A QUARTER-PAGE  
AD FROM THE UNITED POPULAR ACTION FRONT (FAPU), CALLING  
FOR A MEETING OF WORKERS IN FRONT OF THE EL CALVARIO

CHURCH AT 10:00 A.M. ON MAY 1. FAPU RECENTLY OCCUPIED THE CHURCH FROM APRIL 18-20 (SEE SAN SALVADOR 1854 AND 1967). AS FAR AS CAN BE DETERMINED, FAPU DOES NOT HAVE REQUIRED PERMIT.

4. COMMENT. TO DATE THERE HAS BEEN ONLY A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THESE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES ON MAY 1. HOWEVER, THIS WILL BE THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY THAT OPPOSITION FORCES HAVE HAD TO HOLD "LEGAL" DEMONSTRATION SINCE THE PASSAGE OF THE LAW OF PUBLIC ORDER IN NOVEMBER 1977, AND OTHER GROUPS MAY WELL DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE. SEVERAL SOURCES WITHIN THE NATIONAL POLICE AND ARMED FORCES HAVE EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT THIS GATHERING, HOWEVER PRESIDENT ROMERO HAS DIRECTED THAT ALL UNIFORMED POLICE AND SECURITY FORCES BE CONFINED TO BARRACKS AND READY TO REACT IF REQUIRED, BUT TO LESSEN OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFRONTATION. SENIOR NATIONAL POLICE OFFICIAL INDICATED POSSIBILITY THAT TEN TO TWENTY THOUSAND MAY PARTICIPATE. THE FACT THAT MAY 1 IS OFFICIAL HOLIDAY AND BUSINESSES, OFFICES, AND SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED IS VIEWED AS MIXED BLESSING SINCE GREATER NUMBER OF PEOPLE WILL BE FREE TO PARTICIPATE BUT CASUAL JOINERS AND INNOCENT BYSTANDERS WILL NOT BE AS APT TO BE INVOLVED.  
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